



District of Columbia

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Women's History Month: District of Columbia March 2015

History

In the United States, Women's History Month originated in 1981 when Congress authorized and requested the President to proclaim March 7-13, 1982 as Women's History Week, the week-long celebration honoring women. Congress continued to pass annual proclamations designating a week in March as Women's History Week until 1987 when the National Women's History Project petitioned for a month long celebration. Every year since, Congress has passed a resolution for Women's History Month, and the President has issued a proclamation. This brief presents key demographic information on women in the District of Columbia using data from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013 1-year estimates. All other data, as noted, are from the 1960 Census and the 2012 Voting and Registration Supplement.

Population

340,302

The number of females in the District of Columbia in 2013, representing 52.6 percent of the total population. There were 306,147 males.

43,794

At 65 and older, there were one and one-half times more women in DC than men in 2013; 43,794 women to 30,167 men.



Image Credit: <http://womenspiritualpoetry.blogspot.com/2014/05/rejoice-old-mothers-by-jennifer-hawley.html>

33.9

Median age of DC females in 2013, compared to 33.6 for males.

Jobs and Unemployment

189,809

The number of females in the District's civilian labor force in 2013. There were 182,160 males, representing 49 percent of the labor force.

64.7%

The percentage of females 16 years and older who participated in the labor force in 2013.

61.1%

The percentage of female civilian employed population 16 years and over who worked in management, business, science and financial occupations in 2013.

63.4%

The percentage of all sales and office workers that were females in 2013.

9.3%

The unemployment rate for females 16 years and over in 2013.



Image Credit: <http://www.hirevelocity.com/becoming-a-full-time-worker-in-a-part-time-economy/>

Military Service

11.5%

The percentage of DC Veterans that was female in 2013, representing 3,202 women.



Image Credit: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-annual-women-veterans-women-in-the-military-veterans-day-extravaganza-tickets-12502668819>

Earnings

\$61,760

The median annual earnings of DC women 16 years or older who worked year-round, full time in 2013. In comparison, the median annual earnings of men were \$67,610.

0.91

The female-to-male earnings ratio in 2013.



Image Credit: <http://wendycoakley-thompson.blogspot.com/>

21.6%

The percentage of DC women 16 years or older who worked full-time, year-round who earned \$100,000 or more in 2013.

Education

129,740

Number of DC women 25 years and older with a bachelor's degree or more in 2013. This was higher than the corresponding number for men (119,914). Women had a larger share of high school diplomas (including equivalents), as well as associate, bachelor's and master's degrees. More men than women had professional or doctoral degrees.

53.8%

The percentage of DC women 25 and older who had obtained a bachelor's degree or more as of 2013.



Image Credit: <http://mandownbook.tumblr.com/post/3221262259/women-are-better-at-graduating-college>

44,144

Number of DC college students in 2013 who were women age 18 and older

Voting

79%

The percentage of DC female citizens 18 years and older who reported voting in the 2012 congressional election. 73 percent of their male counterparts cast a ballot. (Source: US Census Bureau, Voting and Registration Supplement)



Image Credit: <http://www.southerncoalition.org/in-nc-voter-suppression-hits-women-minorities-hardest/>

Motherhood

9,700

Number of DC women age 15 to 50 with births in the past 12 months in 2013.



Image Credit: http://www.seniorreligion.com/rescuing_children.htm

Marriage

162,736

The number of DC women 15 years and older who had ever been married.

30.8

Median age at first marriage for DC women 15 to 54 years.

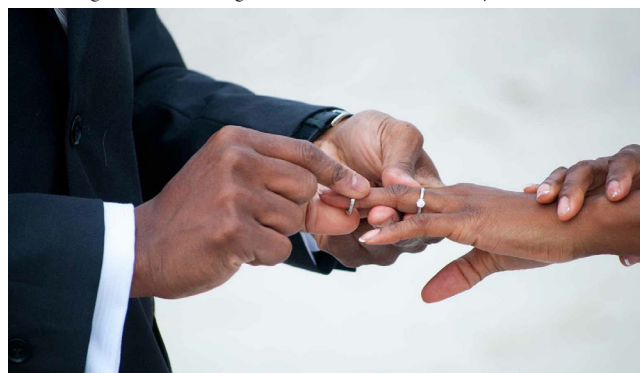


Image Credit: <http://atlantablackstar.com/2013/04/25/men-and-women-still-view-marriage-roles-differently>

24.7%

The percentage of DC females, 15 years and over, who were married in 2013; 55.6% were single, 6.3% were widowed, and 11% were divorced.

Historical – 1960 Census

405,785

The number of females in DC in 1960, representing 53.1% of the population, compared to 358,171 men. (Source: 1960 Census)

33.8

Median age of females in 1960, compared to 30.6 for males. (Source: 1960 Census)

48.1%

The percentage of females 14 years and over not in the labor force, representing 150,685 women. Of those not in the labor force, 3.6% were inmates of an institution, 14.1% were enrolled in school, 20.0% were under 65 years old with children under 6 years, and 21.0% were 65 years old and over. (Source: 1960 Census)

3.8

The unemployment rate for females 14 years and over in 1960. (Source: 1960 Census)

\$2,457

The median income of women 14 years or older who worked in 1960. In comparison, the median income of men was \$3,818. (Source: 1960 Census)

53.8%

The percentage of females, 14 years and over, who were married in 1960; 26.9% were single, 14.4% were widowed, and 4.8% were divorced. (Source: 1960 Census)



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